

WHEREAS, Heart and blood vessel diseases each year kill more than one million Americans, a total which exceeds all other causes of death combined; and,

WHEREAS, More than four out of every five of these victims die of heart attack or stroke; and,

WHEREAS, Heart and blood vessel diseases cost the nation \$20 billion a year in lost wages and medical expense; and,

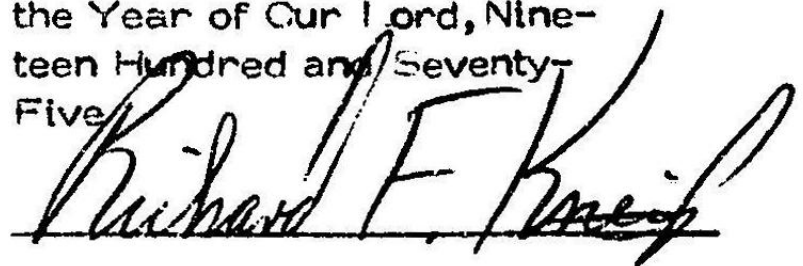
WHEREAS, The Heart Association's relentless battle against this American epidemic has helped reduce the death rate from these diseases through advances in research, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1975, as

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

in South Dakota, and urge all our citizens to support the Heart Fund Campaign of the American Heart Association, Dakota Affiliate, Inc. through gifts and voluntary services which will speed greater advances in the conquest of this scourge, our nation's leading killer and disabler.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed the Great Seal  
of the State of South Dakota,  
in Pierre, the Capital City,  
this 29th day of January, in  
the Year of Our Lord, Nine-  
teen Hundred and Seventy-  
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RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE